licensing policy (1990-95) is a continuous process, which is governed by licences issued by Reserve Bank of India in this regard. Hence, at this stage it is not possible to project the number of branches of banks that will be opened in Kerala.

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Permission to multinationals for entering into Insurance Sector

2401. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to allow the multinationals to enter into the Insurance Sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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Raising of Loans by UCO Bank from Foreign Banks

2402. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has authorised the UCO Bank to raise loans from foreign banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor– ;

(c) whether the foreign banks have imposed some conditions in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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Payment of Compensatory Allowance and construction of Staff Quarters for Employees posted in Tribal Areas of Orissa

2403. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any award was given by the Ninth Finance Commission for the upgradation of administration in tribal areas regarding compensatory allowance to the employees posted in those areas and construction of staff quarters for them;

(b) if not, how the Government propose to meet the expenditure;

(c) whether the Union Government have issued any directives to the Government of Orissa to release funds for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (d) The Ninth Finance Commission in its First Report for 1989-90 had recommended upgradation grants for following two schemes in tribal areas i.e. (i) housing units; and (ii) capital outlay for villages. In the case of deficit States like Orissa, the grants-in-aid recommended by the Commission took into account the liability on account of continuance of payment of compensatory allowance to the employees posted in tribal areas. In the case of surplus States, the surplus was worked out after allowing for such payment.

The Ninth Finance Commission in their Second Report for the period 1990-95 have adopted "normative approach" in assessing the revenue receipts and expenditures. The Commission have not recommended any specific grants-in-aid for upgradation of the services because "the needs for upgrading these services in States where they are below average has been taken care in the norms" adopted by the Commission. The Ministry of Welfare had requested the State Governments, including the Government of Orissa, that the scheme of payment of compensatory allowance to the employees in tribal areas be continued with the provision under the devolved funds. As regards the construction of staff quarters in tribal areas and infrastructural development in tribal villages, since they involve new investments, they would form part of the Plan programmes.

The Government of Orissa have informed that it would not be possible to give special incentives to the Government employees in tribal sub-plan areas as in their view the entire State should be treated as one unit. The State Government was requested to reconsider the matter with a view to reviving the scheme of grant of special compensatory allowance. The State Government have reiterated their position.

[Translation]

Loans advanced by Banks in Maharashtra

2404. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons living below and above poverty line respectively who have been sanctioned loans for various purposes by the branches of the nationalised banks situated in Parbhani and Nanded districts in Maharashtra from January, 1990 till date;

(b) the number of farmers and other people who were sanctioned loans for buying Jeeps, Trucks, Autorickshaws and setting up small scale industries during the above period;

(c) the number of applications pending with these banks for more than a year and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The commercial banks provide loans to borrowers who come forward with viable scheme, in all parts of the country including Parbhani and Nanded districts of Maharashtra. The quantum of loan will depend upon the nature of the activity proposed to be taken. The data collecting system will not generate information about the number of persons sanctioned loans who may be living below the poverty lines or above the poverty line. Similarly, the activity like acquisition of jeeps, trucks, autorickshaws etc., will be covered under the Road Transport advances of the banks, which form part of the Priority Sector lending by the banks. The priority sector advances by public sector banks under agriculture, small scale industries including loans to artisans, village and cottage industries and small road & water transport operators in the State of Maharashtra as on the last Friday of September, 1989 were as under :

	No. of Accounts	Balance outstanding (Rs. in crores)
1. Agriculture (Direct & Indirect)	1554394	1514
2. Small Scale Industries including loans to Artisans, Village & Cotton Industries	157570	2449
3. Small Road and Water Transport Operators . .	55001	241

The break-up of advaces to weaker sections under priority sector by public sector banks in Maharashtra as on the last Friday of September, 1989 were as follows :

	No. of Accounts	Balance outstanding (Rs. in crores)
1. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) .	666820	198
2. DRI Beneficiaries	271486	42
3. Small and Marginal farmers etc.	760996	401
4. Artisans, Village and Cottage Industries . .	62304	29
5. SC/ST beneficiaries	615293	228
6. Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) beneficiaries.	97631	28